

Chicago Board of Health Meeting  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Department of Public Health, DePaul Center Boardroom  
333 S. State Suite 200 Chicago, IL 60604

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.  
Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President  
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H.  
Joseph B. Starshak  
Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.  
Steven K. Rothschild, M.D.  
Victor M. Gonzalez

Board Members Absent

Horace E. Smith, M.D.  
Juan M. Calderon

For the Department

Allison Arwady, M.D., Commissioner

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Board President, Dr. Carolyn Lopez.

**Approval of Minutes:** Revisions to the December 2019 and January 2020 meeting minutes were addressed. December 2019 and January 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

**Commissioner's Update:** Dr. Arwady presented Board members with a detailed fact sheet on the Novel Coronavirus and provided an update on the status of COVID-19 in Chicago. Board members asked Dr. Arwady a series of questions on COVID-19. Dr. Arwady also briefed Board members on the proposed launch of the Healthy Chicago 2025 report in April. Dr. Arwady invited Board members to attend the Healthy Chicago launch event in April.

**Comments by the Board President:** Dr. Lopez addressed the audience and defined the role of the Board of Health. Dr. Lopez explained the difference between an advisory board and a governing board and explained to the audience the Board of Health serves to advise the mayor of the city and the commissioner of health on matters affecting the health of the citizens of Chicago.

**Presentation Addendum:** Matthew Richards, Deputy Commissioner of Behavioral Health for CDPH returned to provide additional information to the Board on the new mental health initiatives, as requested by Board President Dr. Carolyn Lopez at the previous meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** Dr. Lopez urged Board members to review the updated draft resolutions of the Climate Change and Early Childhood Mental Health policy resolutions one last time and deferred the final vote of approval to a subsequent meeting.

**Public Comments:** Comments were shared about current open positions at CDPH. Comments were also shared about signage language at CDPH mental health center sites.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.